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The Didsbury High School music program recorded its regular biennial CD in the Zion church sanctuary, converted into a recording studio May 11. The Symphonic Winds recorded the title track Gypsy Dance by American composer Joseph Campello. Gypsy Dance will include performances by the Grade 9s and jazz bands and will be released June 9 at the final concert of the year to be held in the TransCanada Theatre in Olds. Members of the bands will be given a copy as a keepsake and CDs will be on sale at the concert for \$10. (Insert) Music program director Kirk Wassmer conducts the Symphonic Winds.



New executive and board take over chamber

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce has a new executive and board ending a year of rocky relations between many members and the ousted leadership.

The chamber's annual meeting May 11 attracted an overflow crowd of voting members and guests to the Excalibur Building meeting room.

They came, however, not to praise the executive and directors for their effort in 2015, particularly with respect to cleaning up financial records and the accounting system, but to install a new group at the helm.

The newly elected president is Margo Ward, a relief pharmacist. Ward and her husband Bill founded Value Drug Mart in 1978, built it

from the ground up and sold it to Brad Blatz, another chamber member. Ward was the president of the chamber for several years.

In a secret ballot, members at the annual meeting selected Ward over Barb Neufeld who will sit on the new executive as past president.

Greg Poirier, the manager of AG Foods, was acclaimed as the new vice-president. He is a ubiquitous presence in local community affairs as a sponsor and champion of good causes.

Dena Wannamaker was acclaimed as the new treasurer. Wannamaker is a licensed insurance agent, small business owner, figure skating coach and the driving force behind the Didsbury Dog Sled Derby.

Deborah Johnson, the manager of the Royal Bank of Canada Didsbury branch, was acclaimed as

the chamber's new secretary.

The four new directors at large were elected in a secret ballot from among eight nominated candidates.

Chelsea McLaughlin is the owner of Pine & Ivy, Didsbury's newest flower and gift shop. Sarah Choquette is a lender at the Mountain View Credit Union. Rob Steer is a contractor who runs Longhorn Painting. Mel Crothers is a Royal LePage real estate broker and member of the Municipal Planning Commission.

"We hope to step beyond the past," said Ward after her election.

She put the new board members to work right away, calling the first meeting of the group the same evening as the annual meeting.

The first regular board meeting will be in late May on a date to be confirmed, said Ward.

Didsbury paints a blue sky of its future

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

It started as an initiative to help a developer fill 12 new storefronts on the north end in downtown on 20th Street.

It has snowballed into an opportunity for Didsbury residents to tell investors in all commercial space what new businesses the town would support and the amenities to round out the town's brand for a big-city lifestyle in a small town.

Now the owner of the 12 bays of empty commercial premises, Cayenne Developers, is considering a proposal to do artwork in the empty windows as a "picture your business here," said real estate agent Hugh Bodmer May 13.

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Bodmer, a former economic development officer in Central Alberta, most recently for the Town of Olds, suggested to Deputy Mayor Joyce McCoy that the town undertake a gap analysis to inform investors what businesses the town needs and people would support.

McCoy posted a question on the Didsbury Discussion Topics Facebook page asking, "What businesses would you like to see in Didsbury?"

The wish-list included a kid-friendly coffee shop, bakery, bowling alley, music store, butcher, and sports store.

By rank, the most-wanted businesses were an upscale restaurant, a teenager activ-

ities hangout such as an arcade or pool hall, a family clothing store, another grocery store, a drive-in movie theatre, a shoe store, dry cleaner, a spa, casual dining and fast-food outlets.

Also listed were a farm supply store, men's clothing, a leisure Centre and indoor play area, an artisan market, a craft and hobby shop and a juice bar.

The Didsbury Municipal Library set up a whiteboard that asked its patrons "Hey Didsbury! So what businesses do you think we need in our community?"

Replies included an ice cream shop, shoe store and bakery.

The ideas branched out to amenities such as walking paths, wave pool, a trampoline

park, indoor kids play place, water park, skate park, horse riding centre, off-leash dog park, wave pool, animal shelter, laser tag park, new tennis court and bigger library.

Said McCoy, "It's great to see people paint a 'blue sky' of the town's future.

The new PowerPoint presentation to promote Didsbury that Mayor Rick Mousseau and CAO Harold Northcott launched at the chamber of commerce annual meeting describes Didsbury's goal to be a small town with big-city amenities.

At its May 10 meeting, town council asked its administration to conduct a formal needs survey that could be used to promote all commercial space.



Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

Deputy Mayor Joyce McCoy and realtor Hugh Bodmer began the needs assessment that has snowballed into three surveys of new businesses and amenities that Didsbury citizens want.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday May 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday June 8, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY PROPOSED BYLAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta has given first reading to Bylaw 2016-08 "Land Use Bylaw Redesignation".

Bylaw 2016-08 "Land Use Bylaw Redesignation"

A Bylaw of the Town of Didsbury, to amend Land Use Bylaw 2013-03 for the parcel of land described as:

Legal: Lot -
Block Block 1
Plan 9112532

Civic: 2007 - 7 Avenue

be amended from UR - Urban Reserve to R4 - Residential - Large Lot

Prior to being reviewed for second and third readings, a public hearing has been scheduled for this Bylaw on May 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The location of this public hearing will be at the Town of Didsbury Council Chambers (2037 - 19 Avenue).

The public may view a copy of the proposed Bylaw at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. A copy of the proposed Bylaw will also be published on the Town of Didsbury website www.didsbury.ca.

Date of first publication of this notice: May 10, 2016

Date of second publication of this notice: May 17, 2016

Christofer Atchison
Manager of Legislative and Development Services

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Three crews confront blaze

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Three crews of Didsbury firefighters working in four-day shifts took to the front lines of the Fort McMurray wildfire for 12 days in May.

Working with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and neighbouring communities in Mountain View County, the Town of Didsbury provided operational assistance to fight the fire.

The help came from a dozen firefighters in crews of four working in four-day shifts and two of the town's fire vehicles. The Didsbury people were self-sufficient because firefighter Pete Klanten, who worked on the first crew on the scene, loaned his trailer to the cause.

"It was a terrible beauty," said one Didsbury resident who saw the blaze first hand. "The sight of destroyed homes, cars, motorcycles and bicycles in that eerie light and smoke will haunt me for the rest of my life."

On the initiative of Coun. Gail Nowlan, council will consider further action that may be required at its May 24 meeting. CAO Harold Northcott told council

May 10 that the third Didsbury crew sent in will likely be the last needed.

Didsbury fire Chief Craig Martin said. "I am extremely proud of the representation the firefighters portrayed for Didsbury and its fire department."

Full meals were not available for members of crews in the wildfire fight. They made do with protein bars and crackers. Potato chips were considered a treat.

"I don't think he wants to eat another protein bar in his life," a family member said of one of the firefighters.

There was plenty of water to drink, but the firefighters did not have time to even make a sandwich, said Chris Tronsgard, a pipeline safety advisor who ferried supplies including food and fuel to evacuees from Didsbury to Lac La Biche and mile 200, a way point in for fire refugees on Highway 63.

Tronsgard saw first hand the incredible work that emergency workers, police and firefighters did and said, "If you needed something to eat, stuffing your face with Ritz crackers was often the only sustenance."

The fire was so hot that most of the firefighters suffered blistered feet

in spite of wearing fire boots.

The Didsbury crews had a place to sleep when they could in Klanten's trailer. The accommodation was in demand by Carstairs and Olds fire crews.

Stories of the well-organized and orderly evacuation are emerging. Heavy equipment mechanic Ray Rion relies on prescription medicine. A pharmacy in an oilsands camp met his needs briefly, but when he was running out of what it could provide, he was given priority to fly to Calgary and come home to Didsbury.

"I can't think of a better community to evacuate than an oil town, said Tronsgard. "Oilfield people are trained in evacuations and emergency response."

"They are calm and orderly," he said.

Peter Klanten, Braydon Snyder, Allison Lesway, and Lorne Code made up the first Didsbury crew to respond. Jesse Derksen, Mac Southgate, Patrick Milne and Kayley Ruzycki formed the second contingent.

Patrick Dodman, David Smith, Oliver Godsall and Mackenzie Code were the members of the third crew.

Brian Jones, Braedon Turnbull and Tom Blauvelt from Didsbury

were also fighting the fires with private organizations.

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MVP Staff

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Anthony Perry checks out Garland Jesso's 1937 custom Ford truck that won the Town of Didsbury CAO Choice award.

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The donations were still coming in as this paper went to press, however the May 7 Show & Shine raised \$10,000 for crisis relief in Fort McMurray.

The funds - from the Hot Rod BBQ and other Show & Shine day fundraising activity - will be given to the Chinook Arch Victims Services for distribution to the families who are victims of the wildfire.

The 24th annual Show & Shine drew more than 800 vehicles and over 6,000 spectators visited the downtown, making it the biggest Show & Shine in its history, said Didsbury Car Club vice-president Dana Munn.

"Since 2012, from six to 10,000 powerhouses, growth of the event has been phenomenal."

"It has been a Father's Day tradition for the third year, and all the victims of the wildfire."

He thanked the partners and donors for their contribution and ovation.

"What a great day for everyone."

"Stay for the plans and anniversary. I said Munn, arrangements approval."

"Thank you for your support. He had help."

"He got Munn, Petroleum, Charlie, Simmer, and He said bottled water & Shine for FMX ride from sales."

Les Char



A pair of cars get ready to take off during the drag races at the Didsbury Show 'n' Shine on May 7.



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Opinion

Commentary Notley shines, Trudeau misses

BY JOHNNIE BACHUSKY
MVP Staff

Facing Alberta's greatest disaster ever, Premier Rachel Notley deserves praise for her response to the ongoing wildfire tragedy in Fort McMurray.

The calamity came on the week of the first anniversary of her NDP party's stunning provincial election victory, a year that has already seen breathtaking changes across the provincial landscape, many of those forced by the battering of the province's oil-based economy.

Yes, there have been missteps, particularly on the communications front, but Notley, whether anyone likes her party's policies or not, has pushed through with an admirable, calm and steely resolve. Not once has there been a sign of panic.

And this was never more evident than over the past week during the crisis in Fort McMurray, a municipality turned into ruins, its 88,000 residents evacuated and losing everything they owned, and the region's oil-sands-based economy left in tatters.

To watch the faces of good, hardworking citizens turn to despair when being forced to leave the community they loved was heartbreaking. Especially so when the tragic news came of two teens killed in a highway crash while fleeing the inferno.

The rest of the displaced have been safely evacuated to urban centres in the south, due to ongoing heroism of first responders, the kindness and generosity of all citizens wanting to help, and Notley's crisis leadership – a different kind of resolve that moved from stoicism to one of determined hard work and empathy for the hurting and frightened citizens of Fort McMurray.

The entire package – from Notley's inspired action to countless citizens stepping up to help in any way they could for the displaced of Fort McMurray, was a message to the nation and a worldwide audience that everyone in this great province are all in this together, that collectively they are Alberta Strong.

And while support continues to come from every corner of the nation and beyond, we have to wonder about the leadership from Ottawa.

Yes, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has spoken about the federal government's support for Fort McMurray's displaced, including matching donations to the Canadian Red Cross and providing air support and thousands of emergency cots for evacuees, but he insists a visit to Alberta should be on hold to allow emergency responders to do their work.

In the meantime, Rona Ambrose, the interim Conservative Party leader, and yes, an Alberta MP, did find time to come back to her province following passionate speeches of support by all party leaders last week in the House of Commons. She was here flipping pancakes at an Edmonton fundraiser and talking to evacuees, and her one-on-one support to displaced citizens no doubt raised the spirits of each one.

Trudeau would do well to reassess his decision. All Albertans are shocked by this wildfire disaster. And while they have proven to the world that there is nothing more resilient than an Albertan facing adversity, they too want to look to their leaders for not only guidance and direction but for the support to just carry on – even if it's just a simple appearance, a smile or a few words of reassurance. It's called inspired leadership.

Notley has passed her ultimate test for Albertans. Trudeau has yet to deliver.



Letters

A call for conservative cohesion

In columns and articles the *Mountain View Gazette* and *Didsbury Review* have recently reported and written about the importance of conservative cohesion. I am all about that!

There should be a grassroots cohesion movement. We can't afford to wait for the various groups to join. There is room in the search to understand and express conservative values, to still cooperate and function. The time is too urgent and short to be hamstrung and dysfunctional.

A sensible voice of influence is needed immediately. Preston Manning showed us that when he single-handedly went to Ottawa and launched his simple and effective questions about financial viability.

My aim is not directly to immediately dislodge the

NDP, or Premier Rachael Notley, as some suggest. That nightmare of a challenge will surely be unproductive.

We simply need to rekindle our faculties for common sense and open a diverse but united conservative front. Progressive thinking needs to be balanced by conservative diligence, before the damages to our society and economy become a generation legacy. It takes both the left and the right wings for the noble eagle to fly, or it becomes a tragic story.

We could call ourselves "the conservative cohesion".

Fred Van Vliet
Didsbury

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Didsbury Marketplace

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GUNTER RICHARD ROSCHAK

December 30, 1937 – May 9, 2016



Gunter Roschak of Didsbury, Alberta passed away peacefully with family by his side on May 9, 2016 at the age of 78. Gunter was born in Germany on Dec. 30, 1937. He immigrated to Medicine Hat as a young teen where he met the love of his life.

Gunter is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Irene; his children Derrick (Arlene) of Didsbury and Carrie (Bruce) of Calgary; and his four grandchildren Amber, Richard, Nytasha and Nicole. Gunter loved his classic cars, farming and stamp collecting. One of the greatest things he passed on to his children and grandchildren was his wisdom. He enjoyed working with his son and sharing his love of animals with his daughter. Gunter had a special bond with each grandchild - Amber and grandpa talked for hours about baseball, trucking, and the past in Germany; his grandson Richard of the love of classic cars, trucking, fishing, and the shenanigans grandpa did when he was younger; with Nytasha his love of animals and outdoors; with Nicole his love of animals and stamp collecting; and with all his sense of humor. Grandpa always enjoyed his visit with his grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 28, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. at 1522 Walter Place in Didsbury.

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LAURA SNYDER

Laura Snyder of Medicine Hat, Alberta, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the age of 96 years. She was born in Benton, Alberta on April 4, 1920.

Laura is survived by 2 sons, Mel (Carolynn) Snyder, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Kevin (Joyce) Snyder, Swift Current, Saskatchewan, 4 grandchildren, Kent (Laura) Snyder, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Jeff (Jodi) Snyder, Edmonton, Alberta, Jenessa (Scott) Bockrandt, Jordan (Kirstyn) Snyder, both of Winnipeg, Manitoba, 5 great-grandchildren, one brother, Stan (Shirley) Bessey, sister, Ruth Wilkins, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Laura is predeceased by her husband of 29 years, Alton, her parents, Joseph and Frances Bessey, brothers, Lloyd, Orville, Dalton, Cliff and sister, Dorothy Guzella.

Laura committed her life to serving the Lord at the age of 13 and was a prayer warrior to the end. She was very active in her church, serving wherever there was a need. She enjoyed making quilts and other projects with the Carstairs Women's Missionary Society.

After completing grade 11, Laura was employed as a nanny, housemaid, retail clerk, farm wife, and custodian.

Laura enjoyed sewing (quilting), ceramics, reading, visiting with friends and gardening.

After retirement, she enjoyed travelling to Hawaii (twice), Canada and United States east coast, Disneyland, Yellowstone, and the Holy Land.

She enjoyed visiting with her family, and her grandkids and great-grandkids were a delight.

She looked forward to the time she would be with Jesus and is now in His presence.

Funeral service will be held at Carstairs Church of God on Friday, May 20 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Kevin Snyder officiating. An interment for family and close friends will take place at 1:00 pm at the Didsbury Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Laura can be made to the Gideons International in Canada.

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Sheryle Thomas-Kenefick

Words cannot express how touched we were by everyone who offered support and kindness following Sheryle's passing. Your expressions of sympathy through kind words, phone calls, and meals were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to everyone who attended the Memorial Service.



Thank you to the Redeemer LWML for the lunch prepared, and all who brought sandwiches and squares for the time of fellowship following the service. We also thank all that helped with the setting and cleaning up of the church gym.

Special mention to Ben Thomas, Jacqueline Chernow for their loving words. Your kindness was a wonderful comfort and will never be forgotten.

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Community Briefs

Lions Club raises \$4,500 to send to Fort McMurray

One stellar story of the Show & Shine May 7, which broke entry and visitor records, was the success of the Lions Club food booth.

Grilling and selling hamburgers and hotdogs with the help of Didsbury High School students, the club took in just over \$6,000 Lions member Doris Born said.

After deducting costs the club raised close to \$4,500 said Born.

The money will go to the Fort McMurray Lions Club for emergency use. "It's Lions to Lions, so there are no administration fees," Born said. "We want to thank you all for your great support," said Born on behalf of the Didsbury Lions Club.

Museum plans pie social

The rural pioneer tradition of the pie social continues June 4 with the annual Didsbury Museum pie social.

The event takes place at the museum from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for museum non-members, \$5 for members and children under three years of age are admitted without charge.

Pie socials and pie suppers featuring home-baked pies started as community fundraisers, often for the local school or the volunteer fire department, says Robert Gilmore in his University of Oklahoma Press book, *Box and Pie Suppers*.

The tradition originated in the Ozark Mountains that straddle the American states of Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma - states that were heavily represented in the migration to Alberta of immigrant groups from the U.S., Gilmore says in his book.

Gilmore records that closely chaperoned young people used the pie social as part of the courtship ritual, with the young man favouring the pie baked by the girl of his intentions.

Planning commission will approve permits faster

Didsbury's Municipal Planning Commission will shorten the time for approvals to about two weeks for routine permits by holding a second monthly meeting when needed.

The commission scheduled eight more monthly meetings - now two per month - and will hold the second when needed to speed up approvals on matters such as everyday building, home occupation and signage permits.

"This will improve municipal service levels, said manager of legislative and development services Christofer Atchison.



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